

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 13, and 18 to 27 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added, herein. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction in view of the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The Office requires applicants to restrict the claimed subject matter to one of five groups of inventions under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372. The claims of each group, and the subject matter associated with each group, are set forth below.

Group	Claims	Subject Matter
I	1 to 9, 13, and 19	Compounds of formulae (I) and (X)
II	11	Methods of making compounds of formula (I)
III	12	Methods of making compounds of formula (I)
IV	18	Compounds of formula (II)
V	20 to 27	Methods of using compounds of formula (I)

The Office asserts that the subject matter of groups I to V does not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because the subject matter lacks the same or corresponding technical feature under PCT Rule 13.2 that defines a contribution over the prior art. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement as it relates to groups I to III and V because the technical feature that links these groups does, in fact, define a contribution over the prior art.

Each of groups I to III and V relates to, *inter alia*, compounds of formula (I). For example, group I relates to compounds of formula (I), groups II and III relate to methods of making compounds of formula (I), and group V relates to methods of using compounds of formula (I). The technical feature that links groups I to III and V (compounds of formula (I)) defines a contribution over the prior art, since the compound identified in the official action, the compound of CA registry number 39170-33-7, found in Okeinik, et al., CA 78:43169, 1973, is not a compound of formula (I).

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Accordingly, the subject matter of groups I to III and V relates to a single general inventive concept as defined in PCT Rule 13.2, and restriction of the subject matter of these groups is therefore improper. Applicants therefore ask the Office to rejoin the subject matter of groups I to III and V into a single group.

Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.499, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of group V for prosecution on the merits, directed to methods of using compounds of formula (I), and encompassing claims 20 to 27.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the official action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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